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In re application of

Taizo MINOWA et al.

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RACK STRUCTURE FOR BACKLASH-FREE

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Attorney Docket No. 2003-1686A

Group Art Unit 3682

Examiner James Pilkington

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a one month extension of time to respond to the communication of August 17, 2006.

The fee of \$120.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.
- () to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is
- () Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which
 - () is enclosed.
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Sir:

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

Petition for Extension of Time\$120.00

A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted for use in the Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

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